



# TOWNSEND POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To : Mayor & Council  
From : Chief Robert Longo  
Date : October 14, 2022  
Subject: ARPA FUNDING

Major and Council,

Please find below the equipment being requested by the Townsend Police Department including; a description of the equipment, cost of items, amount requested and a total cost. It should be noted this is the initial request list and additional items can be provided if funding allows.

- A. 4 – Updated Police Vehicle Radios - These radio's will replace the two we currently have on loan and more importantly they will provide modern radio's that will bring us into concert with all agencies. Our current radio's will be discontinued and INOPERABLE, thus leaving our officers without communication capabilities as of 11:59pm on December 31, 2023. This may leave us with only portable radio's in our vehicles which is a safety risk. The cost of these upgraded radios is ESTIMATED to be **\$20,000 - \$25,000. I am awaiting a price quote from our state contract representative.** There is a back order on these across the county so the sooner we put in our request the better.
  
- B. 2 - **Marked** Patrol Vehicles from Delaware State Surplus (Same place we obtained the Ford I operate). These vehicles will be coming to us completely outfitted from the Delaware Capitol Police, except for radio's. I am requesting **\$25,000** for both vehicles which will cover their cost, inspection by Jamie's removal of the state logo from the graphics and the addition of our Townsend Police Patch, as well as the removal of the word Capitol with Townsend being added. This is a request council has expressed frequently. We have the ability to use marked cars on patrol in addition to the unmarked car's, changing them out. Doing this will keep the wear down on all our vehicles. We have a confirmed price in an email from the state that **each car will cost \$10,000.**



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C. 4 – Mobile Vehicle Recording Systems (MVR’S) for all Townsend Police Vehicles. The system we will be using is from AXON, the same company our Body Worn Camera’s (BWC) and Tasers come from. The BWC works in sync with the MVR. My request for these camera’s is for greater accountability suspects & staff as well as the protection of officers and the town, our BWC’s do not record outside the vehicle unless we are. These MVR’s will gather evidence of vehicle operations by people driving on our roads as well as providing another angle than just the BWC in the event there is a complaint against officer’s or something worse. The cost of this system is **\$34,560.00.** (Quote provided)

The Total Cost of this initial request is between **\$79,560 & \$84,560.00**

In closing, these items if not approved in this request would have to be requested again in my upcoming 2024 budget. Like you, I do not want to put the cost of this necessary equipment and upgrades solely on our taxpayers, especially when we can use federal funds.

As always, I thank you for your time and I look forward to your anticipated approval of this request.

Cc: Sgt. McCloskey  
Antonina Tantillo, Town Manager